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## World's Largest Free Literature Festival Celebrates World Literature in Boulder, CO

### The third-annual Zee Jaipur Literature Festival at Boulder, Colorado takes place September 15-17, 2017

**BOULDER, Colo. (March 30, 2017)**—The third installation of the Zee Jaipur Literature Festival (JLF) at Boulder will bring more than 70 authors from around the world to discuss today's hot topics while engaging the community in essential dialogue and debate. In these critical times, the penetrating, intercultural discourse at this festival of ideas has never been more crucial or timely.

The 2016 Zee JLF at Boulder saw close to 7,000 people attending the three-day Festival. Attendees from throughout the U.S. and across the globe experienced an uplifting celebration of the mind and heart, as writers from across the Americas, Asia, Africa and Europe engaged in provocative conversations. Topics of discovery spanned life and society, economics and the arts, equity, freedom and the care of our planet.

“During the Festival, writers inspire and stimulate each other while the audience gets to listen in to their conversations about relevant topics,” says Jessie Friedman executive director for Zee JLF at Boulder. “These are genuine discussions rather than a performance. We are effectively allowing the audience in the U.S. to experience what’s on the minds of people throughout the world, bringing new perspectives and insights.”

Specific themes at Zee JLF at Boulder 2017 will include migration, U.S. gun culture, nature and the environment, Native American rights, yoga/meditation, outdoors-adventure, feminism, constitutions, LGBT, Latino, African American and Native American voices.

More details and confirmed speakers will be announced at <https://jaipurliteraturefestival.org/boulder>.

In its 10<sup>th</sup> year, the Zee Jaipur Literature Festival in India is the world's largest free literature festival, drawing some 500,000 people to Diggi Palace in the Rajasthani capital this past January. The festival serves as a beacon of free speech around the world, giving rise to more than 200 other literature festivals, both in India and other countries.

Dubbed “the greatest literary show on Earth,” JLF successfully expanded to London in 2014, and selected Boulder as its only U.S. location in 2015. Voted the U.S.'s brainiest (more Ph.D.'s per capita than any other US city) happiest and foodiest city, the Festival was wildly successful in its first two years in Boulder. Festival organizers expect more than 10,000 people to attend this year from throughout the country and around the world.

“Boulder is the perfect host city to explore new ideas, and debate contentious issues from race and religion to history and philosophy,” said Sanjoy Roy, Festival Producer. “We were delighted with the success of the past two years and look forward to another exciting Festival in September.”

Zee JLF at Boulder takes place at the at the Main Boulder Public Library, 1001 Arapahoe Ave. A week of pre-events will be held at the Main Boulder Public Library and other locations. There is no admission fee, but attendees must register. For more information, confirmed speakers, and registration, visit <https://jaipurliteraturefestival.org/boulder>.